

nature programs



Wildflower Walk

(Ages: 8 to Adult) An annual favorite is back in bloom! Search for bloodroot, cut-leaved toothwort, spring beauty and much more on this gentle woodland stroll.

6310.302 Su, 19-Apr 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Tricky Tracks

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Come trek through the woods and along the water's edge in search of animal tracks. We'll make a plaster cast to take home. Wear shoes you can get muddy. Meet at the Alum Spring Picnic Shelter- be on time! Under 10 must attend with non-paying adult.

6228.301 Th, 23-Apr 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Nature Photography for Kids

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Just in time to enter the **27th Annual Fredericksburg Photography Show** (separate entry form/fee)! Practice framing a good shot outdoors, then upload and discuss photos in the Nature Center. Bring a digital camera (you know how to use) fresh batteries, and *EMPTY memory card*. Kids under 10 must attend with adult.

6236.402 Sa, 9-May 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Camping 101

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Come on down to Motts Run for all the fun of camping without having to pack up a thing. We'll pitch a tent, make a campfire, roast s'mores and play a game or two!

6235.101 Sa, 20-Jun 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

AGES – Lowest age is MINIMUM, NOT the "focus" age. Example: Ages 4-Adult means it's a family program, not a class for 4-year olds and everyone pays.

Dipnetting for Dragonflies

(Ages: 4 to Adult) We'll search the greening lakeshore of Motts Run Reservoir for aquatic insects and more. From tadpoles to insect larvae, tiny mosquito fish to crawfish...there's a world of wonder just beneath the water's surface. Great fun for adults and children (everyone pays) Wear your best mud shoes!

6229.303 Sa, 2-May 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bryant, Doris
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Junior Naturalist: Herps!

(Ages: 10 to 15yrs) Slink, slither, crawl and hop on down for our second Junior Naturalist class! We'll spend four weeks immersed in the world of reptiles and amphibians, learning the proper collection, ID, care and feeding of frogs, toads, turtles and snakes, including an evening Frog Walk! Embroidered patch for all who complete class.

6235.301 W, 13-May to 3-Jun 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$40 City, \$50 Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Frog Walk

(Ages: 5 to Adult) Bullfrogs "bellowing," pickerel frogs "snoring," cricket frogs "clicking," and more, on this memorable night hike! Enjoy a cacophony of sound along the lakeshore as these spring frogs tune up. Bring a flashlight and wear boots or shoes you can get muddy. (Family event—adults and kids both pay!)

6332.301 F, 29-May 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

Basic Outdoor Survival

(Ages: 8 to 14yrs) Ever wondered what to do if you get lost outside overnight? Learn basic info on survival and emergency kits, make a simple shelter and build a waterstill! Wear clothes you can get dirty.

6225.101 Th, 28-May 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

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Small Craft

(Ages: 9 to Adult) Calling all scouts—this is your chance to earn your “Small Craft” badge! Come to Mott's Run Reservoir and learn the basics of maneuvering a canoe around the lake. Class open to non-scouts! Bring sunscreen, water, and wear sturdy shoes you don't mind getting wet.

6116.401 Tu, 30-Jun 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Reservoir Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

Sunset Canoe Float

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Enjoy a peaceful evening paddling the still waters of Motts Run Reservoir. We'll poke into coves and search for wildlife against the setting sun. Includes instruction, equipment and delicious refreshments served afloat! Kids (min age 6) must attend with paying adult and be able to sit for over an hour.

6110.401 Sa, 25-Jul 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM
6110.403 W, 5-Aug 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM
Motts Run Reservoir Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

Canoeing Basics

(Ages: 10 to Adult) Learn the basics of canoeing—from safety to strokes, then take a paddle around Motts Run Reservoir. Everything you know to take a canoe out at a later date by yourself or with a friend! Wear shoes you can get wet. All equipment provided.

6115.101 Sat, 12-Sept 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Reservoir Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

Stargazing in the Park

(Ages: 8 to Adult) Join Rappahannock Astronomy Club president, Myron Wasiuta, for a series of heavenly stargazing programs using a powerful computer-controlled telescope. Space is limited and ALL must pay. *Bring a lawn chair for meteor showers!* (For Cancellation call: 372-1086 x213)

Moon & Saturn 6525.401 Sa, 27-Jun 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Constellations 6525.402 Sa, 18-Jul 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
\$4 per person Registration: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

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FREE - No Registration Necessary!

Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Wasiuta, M.

Summer Campfire

(Ages: 4 to Adult) Come gather around the campfire as the sun goes down. We'll roast s'mores over the coals, tell stories and join the chorus of summer frogs with a few songs! Great fun for entire family. Everyone pays and kids (min. age 4) must attend with adult!

6521.402 F, 7-Aug 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

Pirate Hike

(Ages: 4 to 7yrs) Ahoy thar mateys! Calling all scallywags and pirates to join us at Alum Spring Park. We'll make a paper boat to float in the creek and look for buried treasure! Meet at the Pavilion. Wear bathing suit (for serious wading only), water shoes and bring a towel.

6231.401 Sa, 29-Aug 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Alum Spring Park Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 4/14 City 4/21 Non-City

NATURE CAMPS

**Wildwood
Hideaway
Teen Adventure**

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EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 25th
10am - 3pm
Music, Food, Exhibits,
VA Wildlife Ctr Walk
and More!
FREE!
372-1086 x213

MOTTS RUN

NATURE CENTER

OPEN Sat/Sun 12-5
Exhibits, Meet “Pocket”
the corn snake, park
info, field guides, map,
compasses, binoculars &
more!



NIGHT CATFISHING

@ Motts Run
8:30pm-1am
5/8 • 5/22 • 6/12 • 6/26
7/10 • 7/24 • 8/14 • 8/28
9/11 • 9/25
Bank fishing after hours!
Bring gear & license
Call 786-8989

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Sat. June 6th
(raindate 7th)
9-Noon @ Motts Run
Reg. 7:30-10:30
Games, prizes, trophies

FREE

Ages 4-16!

372-1086 x213